

[20th March 1923]

*Reduction of menial establishment by the Director of Office Systems.*

915 Q.—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased—

(1) to lay on the table a statement showing the number of peons, attenders, muchis reduced by the Director of Office Systems in 1922 and 1923—

(a) in the Madras Secretariat offices,

(b) in all other departments of the Presidency arranged according to caste ; and

(2) to state how the Government intend providing these menial servants with livelihood ?

A.—The recommendations of the Director of Office Systems have resulted in the abolition of 23 posts of attenders and peons in the Secretariat and 6 such posts in other offices. Seven of these posts were filled by acting men and seven by men who had earned their pensions and who have accordingly been admitted to them. Eleven of the remainder have been provided for in other offices. Of the four who have not been provided for two are non-Brahman Hindus, one a Muhammadan and one an Adi-Dravida. Endeavours are being made to find places for these men in other offices in which vacancies exist. Should these fail, they will be given the gratuities to which they are entitled under the rules.

*Second vernacular test for deputy collectors, district munsifs and probationary sub-registrars.*

916 Q.—Khan Sahib A. P. I. SAIYID IBRAHIM RAVUTTA : Will the hon. the Member for Finance, the hon. the Law Member, the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the standard of second vernacular required to be passed by (1) deputy collectors, (2) district munsifs and (3) probationary sub-registrars ;

(b) whether it is a fact that probationary sub-registrars and probationary lower subordinates in revenue are exempted from passing the second vernacular test ; and

(c) the amount of travelling allowance paid to probationary sub-registrars in the years 1921 and 1922 for attending the second vernacular test ?

A.—(a) The information is given in the following statement :—

Indian deputy collectors and district munsifs.	European deputy collectors.	Probationary sub-registrars.
I. Conversing with accuracy and fluency in the vernacular.	I. Conversing with the examiner or with natives of India on subjects likely to occur in the performance of professional duty, in the transaction of ordinary business or in the course of every day life.	I. Conversing on subjects calculated to test the candidate's colloquial knowledge of the vernacular. Hand-writing in the vernacular shall also form a distinct item of the examination.